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BOYS PLAYING BALL
IN OLD GRAVEYARD
SHOCK DOWNTOWNTombstones Used as Bases.
"Ghouls" Battle on Scene
Which Witnessed Last
Burial in 1890.

A graveyard that neighborhood children use as a playground, where tombstones are bases for the "graveyard nine," is a sight which has shocked those who walk or live along Passyunk avenue near 21st street. The graveyard is the old Philadelphia cemetery, bounded by Passyunk and Snyder avenues and 21st and 22d streets. Across the way are the northernmost homes of the Girard estate.

The last funeral there was in 1890, but it might have been 40 years ago, to judge from the ruin that covers the tract. Weeds grown waist high and small trees and underbrush that have sprung up in the 20 years' desolation hide the white tombstones so closely that a casual glance over the torn iron fence would cause the uninformed observer to mistake the place for a large and unusually unkempt vacant lot.

But a look inside shows white stones through the trees and all that is left of one carefully kept fenced plot, now hummocked and twisted and guarded by strands of rusty iron chains, strung from pillars which stand anyway but upright.

CHAPEL A RUINOUS PILE.
Two weather-worn posts with drooping gates stand at the entrance on Passyunk avenue. Back of them in the thick of the weeds is a shanty ruin that looks more like an old Spanish mission in southern California than anything extant today. This was the old receiving chapel, where funerals brought up with the bodies and ministers said the last services.

It was built in 1848, a fact gleaned by industriously rubbing a cornerstone set in the side. Then the chapel may have been a fine monument. Its bricks were covered thick with brown plaster and there was stained glass in its narrow-cut windows. But today the plaster has chucked off in great patches and the windows are crumbling, with their colored glass and sashes on the ground.

Back through the central arch of the receiving chapel and over the weeds growing you see more tombstones through the trees.

"GHOULS" PLAY BASEBALL.
Walk through it and come to the baseball diamond marked out by tombstones, the scene of struggles of the "graveyard nine." Rivals call its members "The Ghouls," but the team plays after school each day, running undisturbed and agile over a tombstone that is the home plate and sliding to second base, where lie a couple who died in March of '97.

"The Ghouls" is the most popular organization in the cemetery, because none of the other diamonds there have more than one tombstone apiece. "The Ghouls" diamond has one for each base and home plate, with several thrown in-out in right field. Besides that, there is even a grand stand made of overturned headstones and corner posts, much valued by spectators. When "The Ghouls" have a close game on, there is a wall of cheering and the old diamond was laid out, and the field slopes away to the east and down to the other diamonds. All over the fields are dotted with overturned tombstones and small monuments.

The open spaces are most sought by the children, though when they are many and the sun is bright the ruined chapel in the underbrush and trees is a popular resort. In two or three they hang back if you ask them to look inside the chapel.

AFRAID OF GHOSTS.
"Dere's ghosts 'round here," one explained, standing dubiously in the tall grass with his foot on the tombstone. "I wouldn't go in, Jimmy," he advised. But Jimmy went in through a transept in the side and returned later, clad in the robes of a ghost, and the other "Ghouls" were once again in the chapel, now half determined and cringing at its foundations.

After school the whole place swarms with children. Boys play ball and a few of the harder stage comes in the ruined chapel.

After 5 o'clock neighborhood people come into the graveyard and sit on grave-stones under the trees. There are "New-ers," whose ancestors are scattered about the yard, gathering and sowing tales about ghosts, and the age of the graveyard, and the legends that grow there.

"Bill Fray lived here for 15 years," said one man from his place on a reclining headstone. "The Fray home was in a house built against the old chapel. 'But Bill couldn't last.' He went on. 'His dog was on his back and he was wondering how he was on his back.'"

The old cemetery is still owned by the Philadelphia Cemetery Company, but it is said the city may take it over for a playground. As it is now the neighborhood families use it as a park.

As dark grows near the children leave the scene, and at night the paths that would save many a step are deserted.

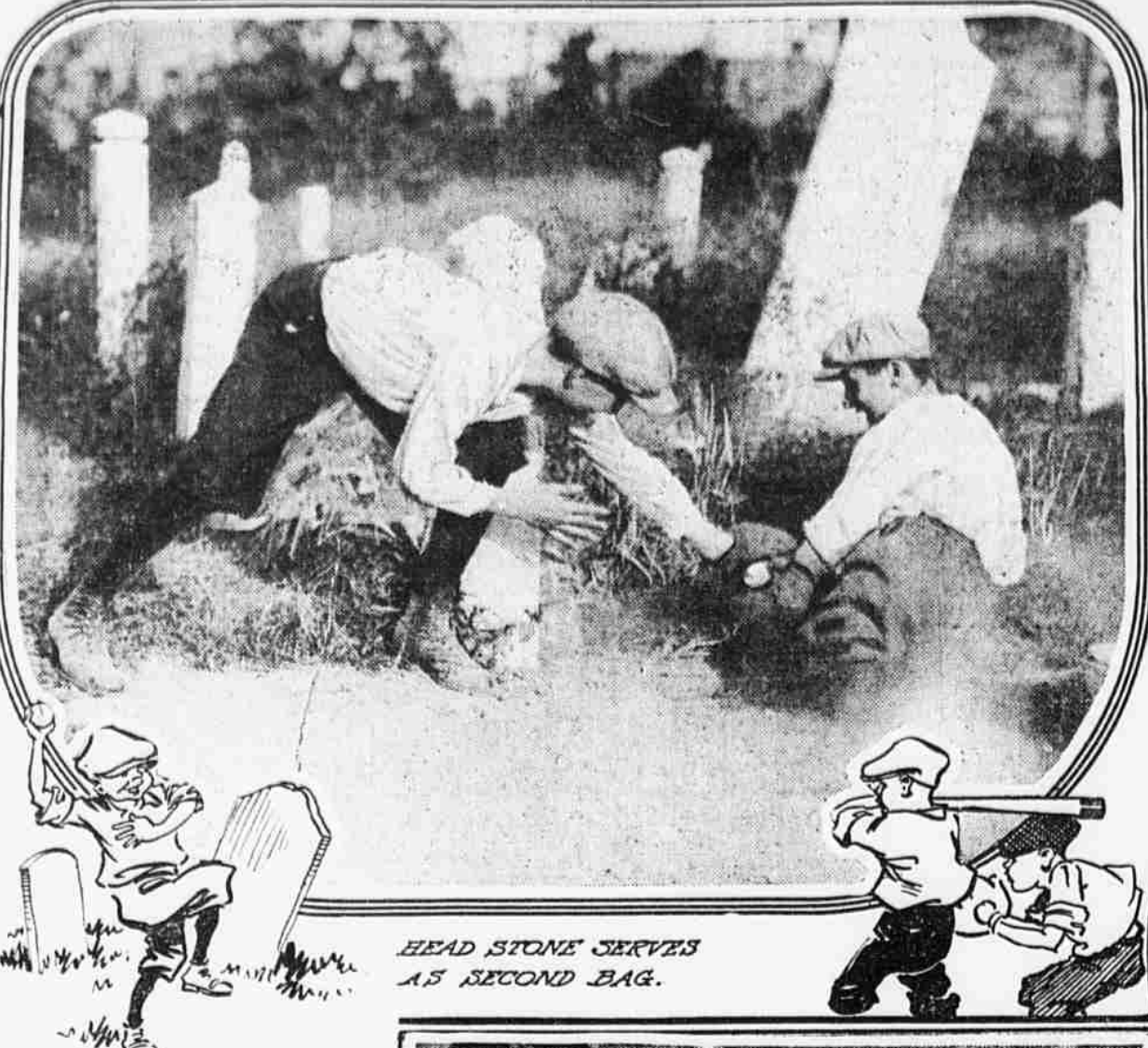
MOTHER SNATCHES CHILD
FROM UNDER HORSES' FEETSuffers Fractured Skull in Effort to
Rescue Girl From Death.

In a vain effort to save her daughter, but 3 years old, from being trampled by horses, Mrs. Mary Donohue, 523 Larchwood avenue, risked her own life today. As a result she is in the Women's Homeopathic Hospital. In an adjoining bed is the little girl.

Mrs. Donohue with the child was going to market this morning. The girl darted from her mother as they were crossing Lehigh avenue at 27th street, and ran into the path of an ice wagon. The mother, thinking the child would be run down, made a dash before the horses and pushed her from under their feet.

The girl fell upon her head and Mrs. Donohue was knocked down by the horses and the wheels of the wagon passed over her before the frightened driver could stop. Both were hurled to the hospital in a patrol wagon and the driver of the wagon was placed under arrest. Mrs. Donohue is suffering from a fractured skull. The child is badly injured.

HEEDLESS YOUTH PLAYS WHERE TEARS ONCE FELL

HEAD STONE SERVES
AS SECOND BASE.\$11,000,000 LOAN NOW
BEFORE THE PEOPLE;
MAYOR SIGNS BILLGeneral Good Features
Cause Him to Overrule
Objection to \$400,000 Item
for Municipal Court Building.

Mayor Blankenburg signed at noon today in the presence of newspapermen, the ordinance submitting the \$11,000,000 municipal loan to voters at the November election. He objected to the item of \$400,000 contained in the loan for the erection of a courthouse for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Divisions of the Municipal Court, but declared that he would not withhold his signature from a loan bill that had so many other excellent features. His attitude on the Municipal Court project, he asserted, will be one of "watchful waiting."

The Mayor received the ordinance at 1:30 this morning, from Charles B. Hall, Sergeant-at-Arms of Councils, but was busy at the time. Half an hour later he called the newspapermen into his office, where he was seated with the ordinance on his desk before him.

"I have just received the loan bill," he said, "and I will sign it, although I do not approve of the \$400,000 item for the Municipal Court. But my disapproval of that must not jeopardize the other excellent features of the loan. So here goes my signature."

"Mr. Mayor, what do you think of the loan in general?" he was asked.

"Some items I would like to have seen better in amount and others smaller," he answered. "I would like to have had more for bridges, for the Parkway and for the Art Museum. I would like to have had more for some useful things, instead of some that are not so useful."

"But on the whole, I am satisfied with the loan, with the exception of the Municipal Court item, which I think is a little excessive," he continued. "I am sure that if it is permitted to go on there will result all kinds of expenditures of money in a final amount that will be the death of the Municipal Court. But I do not realize now. My attitude on the Municipal Court project will be 'watchful waiting.'"

TWO FINED, FIVE HELD FOR
BREACH OF PURE FOOD LAWS

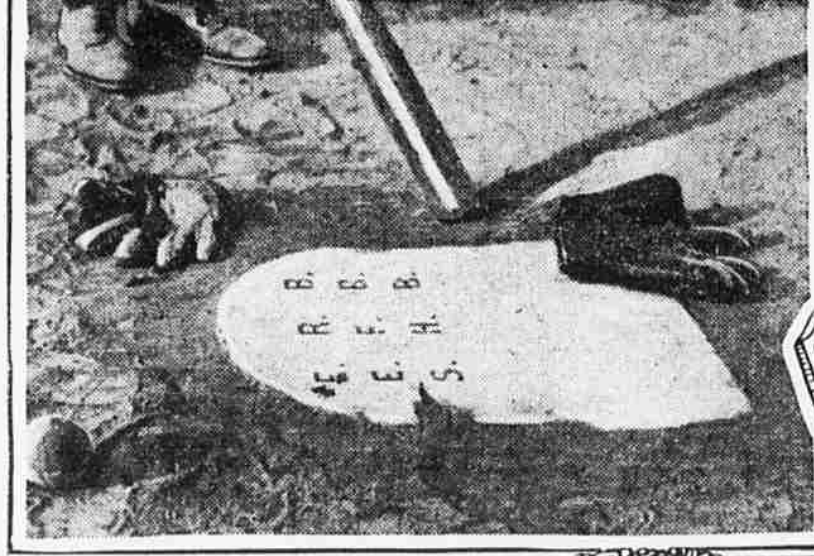
Storekeepers Plead Ignorance of Il-legal Sales.
Two men were fined today by Magistrate Henry for selling impure and adulterated food and the cases of five others were postponed for a week. Samuel Cohen, 160 South Ninth street, and George Gouner, 1615 South Second street, were held under \$200 bail for an appearance in court to explain why they sold impure food that was denounced.

Most of the storekeepers pleaded that they thought their food was in good condition. Samuel Cohen, 160 South Ninth street, sold 160 cases of food, including eggs, Ham & Lentils, who run a fruit store at 20 South Fifth street, were convicted of selling vanilla syrup adulterated with ammonia, to cold for product. They were fined \$25.

The others prosecuted were Cornelius Hamilton, 161 Walnut street, accused of selling adulterated ice cream, sold at 125, and a woman, 217 Noble street, was accused of having carried oleomargarine as butter. Samuel Kessler, 180 South Seventh street, had eggs, and George Gouner, 1615 South Second street, state meat. The cases were postponed one week. Agents Simpson and Sullivan of the Pure Food Department, made the arrests.

JEWELRY THIEVES MAKE HAUL

Thieves chopped away a portion of the framework of a rear door and entered the home of Miss Minnie Hayward, 150 Westington street, yesterday. They stole jewelry valued at \$200. Among the missing articles are 12 silver bracelets, 11 gold ones, a pair of earrings and several breast pins.

A RAZOR BLADE
THE MASCOTWEST PHILADELPHIA BEARDS
WORRY OWNERS AND OTHERSUnshaven Denizens of That Section
Almost Unrecognizable Also.

The careless and the thoughtless men and women who are lazy. The unshaven denizens of that section. Whose knowledge of a razor blade is rather thin and hazy.

Are they going to shave today? Even though they have been shaving only 14 hours straight.

The once genial ticket chopper at one of the West Philadelphia stations of the Market street elevated line had as many furrows in his brow this morning as a newly plowed field. Instead of his usual cheery "good morning" to all travelers, he merely growled.

"My best friends look hideous," he said. "I can't recognize more than one man out of ten because of a two days' growth of beard. Everybody seems to need a shave this morning just because the barbers of West Philadelphia quit working now at 8 o'clock p. m."

"Some of the men who use this station every morning look like spit terriers, or whatever kind of a terrier it is that wears fuzzy whiskers. You'd never believe West Philadelphia depended so much on the barbers. It makes me sick."

"About 40 per cent of the clean-shaven men are minus large sections of skin on various parts of their faces. Some look as though they tried to shave with a rusty scythe. And the funny part of it is that the man with the most scratches is the most enthusiastic. One fellow, who looked as though he tried to fight seven cats with his face, held up traffic right here at the gate for seven minutes while he shaved about his new 45-cent safety razor and how easily it works."

A casual glance at the man surging from the subway stations this morning confirmed the statements of the ticket chopper. All West Philadelphia seems to need a shave. Some of the men spent too much time over the after-dinner razor, rushed out frantically at one minute before eight and had the door of the barbershop slammed in their faces.

Others were obtuse and refused to have anything more to do with the unshaven state. A few tried self-shaving and most failed miserably, but hardware and cutlery dealers are expecting an increased demand for razors and shaving brushes.

The barbers of West Philadelphia so far have made good their promise not to work after 8 o'clock. Virtually every shaving saloon over the horizon stopped work at 8 o'clock last night at that hour and patrons who came later went unshaven or did the hair pulling themselves at home. The barbers are confident that the larger part of their customers will see the justice of their stand and acquiesce themselves to the new hours, and are determined to stick to the new schedule.

HIT BY TRAIN, JUST BRUISED

Instead of Mangled Body, Crew Finds
Man Brushing Himself.

As he was crossing the tracks of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad near West Falls station this morning Thomas Kershaw, an employee of the Bureau of Water, was struck by a southbound train. His only injuries were cuts and bruises.

The train stopped and the crew ran back, expecting to find a mangled body. Kershaw was on his feet and brushing himself off. He was taken to the Women's Homeopathic Hospital.



"PLAY BALL," AN UNUSUAL CRY IN A GRAVEYARD.

\$8000 LOSS WHEN BARN OF
SAMUEL K. FOSTER BURNSFiremen Save Handsome Country
Residence As Wind Shifts.

Fire, believed to have been started by trunks smoking in the hayloft, destroyed the two-story frame and stone barn and an adjoining carriage house on the farm of Samuel K. Foster, president of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, at Bennington place and North 10th street, early this morning. The total loss is estimated at \$8000.

One horse and 30 chickens were lost in the fire, which for a time threatened Mr. Foster's handsome residence. The barn was struck by a lightning bolt, and the fire company's chemical engine at Bennington, a mile and a half away. Three other companies from Holmesburg, Tacony and Wissinoming came seven or eight miles, following too late to be of service.

While the flames were at their worst the wind shifted and carried a shower of blazing embers over the house, which was 200 feet from the barn. Members of the Bustleton Chemical Company, realizing that it was impossible to save the barn, turned their attention to the house and managed to prevent it from burning.

TRANSFER FATHER MAGINN

Becomes Rector of St. Francis' Catho-
lic Church at Frackville.

The Rev. Francis P. Maginn has been chosen rector of St. Francis Catholic Church, Frackville, Pa., to succeed the Rev. Thomas J. Burton, who became rector of the Church of the Annunciation last week. He goes to Frackville from the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Third and Reed streets, where he has labored for two years, following 15 years' work in the diocese of Texas.

The Rev. Father Maginn was born in St. Terence's parish, Philadelphia, 6 years ago, and is one of the most popular young priests in the city. He will assume his duties in Frackville next week.

FRIEND PROMISES
TO DISPROVE CHARGE
OF EMBEZZLEMENTWife and Neighbors Stand
by Man Accused of Mis-
appropriating Building So-
ciety Funds.

Urged by his newly wedded wife to go forth and prove his innocence, Frank A. Friend, of 4539 York road, Logan, a real estate operator, now under \$10,000 bail, on the charge of misappropriation of \$200 from two building loan associations, left his home early this morning, declaring that he would prove he was not guilty.

When Friend walked out of the vestibule of his home he was accompanied by his wife. She is a comely young woman. She appeared to be worried. Her arm rested on the arm of her husband, who was doing his best to calm her.

On the veranda of nearby houses sat women and men, who are friends of Friend. Many of them turned their faces away when they saw the scene.

"My arrest is all a mistake and I feel confident that everything will turn out all right," said Friend as he waved a farewell to his wife.

Weeping and on the verge of collapse, Mrs. Friend entered her home. Later she went away to the home of relatives.

DIVORCE COST \$10,000.

After Friend's arrest on last Friday he told Detectives McGinn and Walters that he had been recently divorced and that the suit had cost him \$10,000. That Friend had married again was known only to a few intimate friends and relatives. He was married on May 20 and was home from his honeymoon only a few weeks when he was arrested.

FOUR MEN INJURED
AND HORSE KILLED
IN AUTO MISHAPSOne Accident Due to Men
Becoming Sleepy and Let-
ting Machine Take Its
Own Course.

Four men were injured and a horse was killed today in automobile accidents in different parts of the city.

One accident was due to a driver, who had a new car out for the first time, while another was caused by the men falling asleep, leaving the car to take its own course.

A touring car skidded across Filbert street east of 15th this morning, and before it could be stopped the auto struck Mortimer Thornley, 3018 North Ninth street, and William Farrand, of Morton, who were standing on the sidewalk. Both men were cut and bruised. They were taken to the Hahnemann Hospital.

Shortly after the accident, William Gilroy, 119 North Marston street, gave himself up at the Detective Bureau and admitted that he was the driver of the automobile. Gilroy said that he was driving it for the first time and ran on the sidewalk to avoid hitting a man on the street.

When their car crashed into a tree at Broad and Somerset streets this morning, Ray Worthington, of Allen Lane, Germantown, and John Greckleh, of Blackwood, New Jersey, were quickly aroused from sleep. The riders said the air made them drowsy. They received slight injuries, which were treated at the Samaritan Hospital. The car was partially wrecked.

Traffic was delayed for nearly half an hour on Walnut street today as the result of a collision between an auto truck and a wagon at 21st street. The horse was injured so badly that it had to be killed. The wagon was driven by David Chelton, 524 and Spruce streets, and the truck by C. P. Shaffer, 819 Gray's Ferry road. Both men said the accident was unavoidable.

FIRST PATROL DRIVER DEAD

Alexander J. Boyd, Veteran of That
Branch of Police Service.

Philadelphia's first patrol wagon driver died today. He was Alexander J. Boyd, of 524 South Water street, and death was due to cancer. Boyd drove the original patrol wagon attached to the Third Police District, at Third and De Lancey streets, for years.

He was appointed to the force April 22, 1881, and made a regular on January 1 of the next year. Late in 1884 the city acquired its first patrol wagon, and then Mayor William B. Smith appointed Boyd as the driver.

Coincidentally with the receipt at City Hall of news that Boyd was dead, ex-Mayor Smith walked into the office of the Superintendent of Police today. His appointment of Boyd was mentioned to him and he declared that he recalled the occurrence distinctly.

"That first patrol wagon did wonderful work," said Mr. Smith. "It was badly needed. I well remember the occasion when I named Howard as the driver, and he gave faithful service in that position."

DEMENTED YOUTH HELD FOR
STRIKING MOTHER WITH AXEWoman, Still Unconscious in Hospi-
tal, Not Expected to Recover.

Edward J. Smith, of 166 West Atlantic street, the demented youth who struck his mother down with an axe yesterday, was today held without bail by Magistrate Renshaw at Central station to await the result of her injuries. The woman is unconscious in the Episcopal Hospital. Physicians do not expect her to recover.

Smith caused some excitement during his hearing when he jumped to his feet and started to walk out.

"Don't hold me back," he said to the policeman who halted him, "I have an important case in court this morning and I'm in a hurry. I have no time to waste here."

The youth will be examined by police surgeons. They say there is no doubt that he is insane. Special Policemen Nagel and Walker testified to finding Smith in the rear yard with an axe, and a razor muttering to himself while his mother lay unconscious in the house as the result of the blow he had given her.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast
WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.

For eastern Pennsylvania: Showers and somewhat cooler tonight; Friday partly cloudy; moderate variable winds.

For New Jersey: Unsettled and cooler tonight and Friday; probably showers tonight.

The western cool area spread over northern Pennsylvania, New York and New England during the last 24 hours, but it is beginning to be felt in Philadelphia; moderate variable winds. The temperature continued to decrease slowly in the Ohio Valley, and the narrow warm belt across the north Atlantic coast will be moderate during the next 24 hours. Showers have covered a wide belt extending from eastern Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, spreading eastward across the mountains and across the Ohio Valley. The rain area covered Pennsylvania last night except a few of the southeastern counties.

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin

Observations made at 8 a. m., Eastern time.

Station.	Temp.	Wind.	Bar.	Rel. Hum.	Clouds.
Alexandria, Egypt	48	SW 4	30.0	65	100
Bombay, India	82	SW 10	30.0	65	100
Calcutta, India	82	SW 10	30.0	65	100
Canton, China	78	SW 10	30.0	65	100
Cebu, Philippines	82	SW 10	30.0	65	100
Hankow, China	78	SW 10	30.0	65	100
Hongkong, China	82	SW 10	30.0	65	100
Kobe, Japan	78	SW 10	30.0	65	100
Manila, Philippines	82	SW 10	30.0	65	100
Peking, China	78	SW 10	30.0	65	100
Shanghai, China	78	SW 10	30.0	65	100
Tientsin, China	78	SW 10	30.0	65	100
Yokohama, Japan	78	SW 10	30.0	65	100